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Applicant: Bruce Christenson et al.  
Title: METHOD TO IMPROVE ADHESION BETWEEN PRE-CURED  
ELASTOMER AND METAL SURFACE

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

January 25, 2002

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination on the merits of the above-referenced divisional application and it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

Please amend the application as follows:

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-5, 8 and 11-13.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

(6)(AMENDED) A vibration dampener comprising a metal weight, a pre-cured elastomer member and a metal hub adapted to attach to an automotive engine wherein said metal weight and said metal hub have a phosphate-coated surface and wherein said elastomeric member is compression fitted between said metal weight and said metal hub contacting said phosphate

metal surfaces wherein said elastomeric member is selected from the group consisting of ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber and ethylene acrylate copolymer.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this divisional application in light of the foregoing amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-5, 8 and 11-13 have been cancelled.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

(6)(AMENDED) A vibration dampener comprising a metal weight, a pre-cured elastomer member and a metal hub adapted to attach to an automotive engine wherein said metal weight and said metal hub have a phosphate-coated surface and wherein said elastomeric member is compression fitted between said metal weight and said metal hub contacting said phosphate metal surfaces wherein said elastomeric member is selected from the group consisting of ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber and ethylene acrylate copolymer.